



*Caribbean Congress on Adolescent
and Youth Health
Opening Ceremony*

**“Championing our Wealth:
Protecting the Health and Well-Being of
Adolescent and Youth in the Caribbean”**

Monday, 14 October 2019

**Hyatt Regency Trinidad
#1 Wrightson Road
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**

5:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Mrs Sharon Clark-Rowley



Mrs Sharon Clark-Rowley is the wife of Dr the Honourable Keith Christopher Rowley, the Seventh Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Mrs Clark-Rowley is a practising attorney-at-law of thirty-seven years standing, having attended the University of the West Indies and the Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad. She is at present a partner with the

firm of M. G. Daly & Partners, Attorneys-at-Law, where she heads the firm's Conveyancing/Real Estate Department. Prior to entering private practice, Mrs Clark-Rowley was employed as a State Counsel in the Ministry of the Attorney-General.

Honourable Terrence Deyalsingh



The Honourable Minister of Health, Terrence Deyalsingh, is the Member of Parliament for St. Joseph, in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Before his stint in politics, Minister Deyalsingh started his career as a lecturer in the Institute of Training and Development (INTAD). From

2003-2006 he was a member of the Cabinet-appointed Committee on Labour Market Reform and chaired the sub-committee on Labour Market Information, all of which derived from his *passion* for business management.

Subsequently, Minister Deyalsingh entered the realm of politics, where he served as a Temporary Opposition Senator during the 10th Republican Parliament. He was appointed a Senator on 2 November, 2010 and served until

14 October, 2013, when he accepted the nomination to contest the St. Joseph constituency.

As Minister of Health, Deyalsingh's main goal is to bring the three highs, blood pressure, sugar and cholesterol to the three lows. As Member of Parliament for St. Joseph, his aspiration is to provide the level of representation deserving of its status to his constituents.

Her Excellency Paula-Mae Weekes ORTT



Her Excellency Paula-Mae Weekes is a retired Justice of Appeal of the judiciaries of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and The Turks and Caicos Islands. In 1977 she entered The University of the West Indies, Faculty of Law, Cave Hill, Barbados graduating in 1980 with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons). She obtained her Legal Education Certificate from the Hugh

Wooding Law School in 1982 and was admitted to the practice of law in Trinidad and Tobago later that year.

President Weekes joined the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions as State Counsel I in November 1982. After eleven years representing the State in the Magistrates', High and Appeal Courts she resigned as Senior State Counsel in 1993 and entered private practice. She established her own Chambers after a brief period in the Chambers of a distinguished Senior Counsel.

Her Excellency Paula-Mae Weekes is a qualified judicial educator, having been made a Fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute in 2000. Since that time, she has been deeply involved in training for various levels of judicial officer and has conceptualised, designed and facilitated a wide range of training programmes both locally and regionally.

President Weekes was Course Director for Ethics Rights and Obligations of the Legal Profession at the Hugh Wooding Law School (2010-2016) and created the current course manual, supervised associate tutors, pioneered innovative pedagogical techniques and served as First Examiner during that period.

Mrs Kim Simplis-Barrow



Mrs Kim Simplis-Barrow is a Belizean activist and philanthropist, currently wife of the Prime Minister of Belize, Rt. Honourable Dean Barrow and currently serves as the First Lady of Belize. She is also the Special Envoy for Women and Children and founder of the Lifeline Foundation one of Belize's most acclaimed charitable initiatives. In 2008,

she became the first Belizean to be designated as a Global Ambassador of Special Olympics International.

Ms Alison Drayton



Ms Alison Drayton joined the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in November 2016 as Director of the Caribbean Sub-regional Office. She has worked in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for fifteen years in a series of functions both globally and in the Caribbean Region, most recently at the Regional Bureau for Latin American and the Caribbean (RBLAC) as Senior Advisor. In that capacity, she led the

formulation of Regional Human Development Report focused on multi-dimensional progress in the Caribbean for which Alison provided strategic advice to RBLAC Senior management on engagement with Caribbean partner institutions, governments and thought leaders in the preparation of the report.

Alison was in the NYU Masters Programme on Public Administration and holds a BA Honors in History and Politics from the University of London.

Ms Terez Lord



Ms Terez Lord is a young scholar who is highly committed to academic excellence and scholarship. She has earned a Master's Degree (with Distinction) in Global Studies and a Bachelor's Degree (with Honours) in International Relations, with a Minor in Political Science.

Channelling interest into action, she has been executing grassroots projects in her dual capacity as the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Youth Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago as well as the Country Coordinator of the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network (CYPAN).

Lord, currently a Youth Development Officer within The Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, previously held the position of Project Administrator within the same Ministry with the responsibility of the Global Coalition for Youth Employment (GCYE). Additionally, Lord leads a core group of dedicated youth volunteers.

Dr Carissa F. Etienne



Dr Carissa F. Etienne was nominated by the Member States of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) for a second term as the PAHO Director on 27 September 2017, during their Twenty-Ninth Pan American Sanitary Conference. She commenced her second five-year

term on 1 February 2018.

Under her dynamic leadership and strategic guidance, the Organization achieved some noteworthy milestones during the past five years. Some of these can be briefly summarized as follows: PAHO successfully led preparedness and response efforts to the regional Zika and chikungunya epidemics as well as cholera and yellow fever outbreaks in Haiti and Brazil, respectively, while significantly improving its responses to all declared emergencies and disasters in the Region within 48 hours.

The Americas was the first WHO Region to successfully eliminate the endemic transmission of measles, rubella and congenital rubella syndrome. We also eliminated onchocerciasis in four of six endemic countries, trachoma in one country, while a number of countries are much closer to malaria elimination certification. Of historic note, seven countries and territories in our Region achieved dual elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and congenital syphilis.

Dr Etienne received her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery- MBBS from the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, and her Master of Science Degree (MSc) in Community Health in developing countries from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London.

Ambassador Irwin LaRocque



Ambassador Irwin LaRocque, a national of Dominica, assumed the office of Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) on 15 August 2011, following his selection by the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM on 21 July 2011. He is the seventh Secretary-General of CARICOM.

Ambassador LaRocque's service at the CARICOM Secretariat began in September 2005, when he assumed the position of Assistant Secretary-General, Trade and Economic Integration. In that post, Ambassador LaRocque provided strategic leadership for the continuing implementation and further development of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME).

Ambassador LaRocque has a wealth of experience in management, public administration, economic development, trade, foreign affairs and diplomacy. He has served on several Boards, including the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center, Caribbean Export, the Dominica Agricultural, Industrial and Development Bank, and the Dominica National Development Corporation. Ambassador LaRocque also managed diplomatic negotiations with third countries and international development partners.

Ambassador LaRocque was educated at Queen's College and the New School for Social Research, both in New York, and New York University and majored in Political Philosophy, Pure Economics and Political Economics.

Dr Asha Pemberton



Dr Asha Pemberton is a Consultant Paediatrician and Adolescent Medicine Specialist and Chair of the Planning Committee for the first Caribbean Congress on Adolescent and Youth Health. Her clinical appointments are as Consultant/Senior Medical Officer at the Sangre Grande Hospital (ERHA, Ministry of Health) and also the Clinical Lead of the CALM Adolescent Clinic and Program (NCRHA, Ministry of Health) in Trinidad and Tobago. She is an Associate Lecturer at the Faculty of Medical Sciences, at the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus and is also a facilitator at the University of the West Indies Mona and Open Campuses in courses and programs related to Adolescent Health, Advocacy and Youth Development.

Following completion of both her undergraduate (MBBS Hons) and postgraduate (DM Paediatrics) qualifications at the University of the West Indies, she pursued Fellowship Training in Adolescent Medicine at the University of Toronto and Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids). Over the past decade Dr Pemberton has worked both regionally and locally in several capacities in the field of Adolescent Medicine; including clinical programme development, health sector capacity building and continuing education and advocacy.